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1. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NARCOTIC TRIAL IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY ENDED MAY 14, 1975 WHEN ALL NINE DEFENDANTS WERE CONVICTED IN THE HONG KONG SUPREME COURT. THIS FOLLOWED THEIR ARREST IN MID NOVEMBER 1974 AND A ONE MONTH LONG TRIAL IN SUPREME COURT.
2. ON MAY 15, 1975, MR. JUSTICE CONS SENTENCED THE NINE DEFENDANTS TO A TOTAL OF 124 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CONSPIRACY TO DEAL AND TRAFFIC IN DANGEROUS DRUGS.
3. NG SIK-HO (0702/6932/6275) A G-DEP 1 VIOLATOR AND KINGPIN OF THE CONSPIRACY WAS SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IMPRISONMENT. THIS IS THE LONGEST TERM EVER IMPOSED FOR A NARCOTIC OFFENCE IN HONG KONG.
4. NG CHUN-KWAN (0702/2182/0981) ALSO A G-DEP 1 VIOLATOR AND ANOTHER KINGPIN IN THE CONSPIRACY WAS SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS. THE REMAINING SEVEN DEFENDANTS RECEIVED SENTENCES, RANGING FROM SEVEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS.
5. IN PASSING SENTENCE ON NG SIK-HO AND NG CHUN-KWAN, MR. JUSTICE CONS MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT: QUOTE BOTH MEN

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ARE IN THEIR LATE FORTIES. ANY COURT IS RELUCTANT TO IMPOSE

A SENTENCE WHICH MEANS THAT A DEFENDANT MAY WELL SPEND THE  
REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. BUT IN THIS CASE, THERE ARE  
OTHER PEOPLE TO CONSIDER AS WELL AS THE DEFENDANTS. THESE  
PEOPLE, AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENDANTS CONDUCT, WILL SPEND THE  
REST OF THEIR LIVES IN MISERY UNQUOTE.  
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